

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Prior to the present amendment, Claims 3-5, 7-12, 16-19 and 22-34 were pending in the present application. After the foregoing amendment, Claims 3-5, 7-12, 16-19 and 22-34 are active in the present application. Claim 32 has been amended. Support for the amendment is found, at least, at page 14, lines 3-4 and Fig. 7 of the present specification. Accordingly, no new matter has been added by the amendment. Applicants note with appreciation that Claims 3-5, 7-12, 16-19 and 22-31 are allowed.

The Examiner rejected Claim 32 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants have amended Claim 32 to further clarify that the light receiving device is formed on one of the opposing surfaces of the first and second substrates. Since it is recited earlier in Claim 32 that the first and second substrate oppose each other, Applicants submit that the term "the opposing surfaces" has proper antecedent basis. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 has been overcome.

Claim 32 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant Admitted Prior Art (APA) in view of Helms (U.S. Patent No. 5,952,922). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

The Examiner states that a light receiving device corresponds to an element 115 of APA. However, the element 115 is a light collector, but not a light receiving device (see Fig. 2 of APA). Also, the light collector 115 is not formed on one of the opposing surfaces of the first and second substrates 101 and 104 (see Fig. 1 of APA). In other words, the light collector 115 is optically connected to an end of a light guide plate 111. Furthermore, Helms does not disclose a light

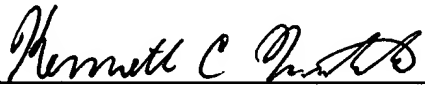
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receiving device of the present invention. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the present invention of Claim 32 is not obvious in view of APA and Helms. Claims 33-34 depend from Claim 32. Applicants submit that Claims 33-34 are allowable for at least the same reasons as Claim 32.

Based upon the foregoing, Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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